



WHY IS THIS A PRIORITY FOR BELFAST?

Successful community planning needs meaningful, sustained and effective engagement with local people and communities. We will therefore engage with and work alongside our citizens and other key partners across all sectors to develop place based community plans. We recognise each area has its own unique strengths and assets and that successful community-based regeneration is rooted in the identity, culture, assets and connections of people

and the place where they live. As part of the refresh of the Belfast Agenda people told us that there is continuing demand for high quality services, facilities and open spaces being readily available and accessible and many have aspirations to improve the areas in which they live, both from a physical space and quality of life perspective. We want our citizens to support local decision making informed by the development of place based community plans, which will help shape the future for our people, place and services.



Belfast is one of the youngest cities in Europe, with young people up to the age of 21 making up nearly a third of our population, while a fifth of the city is under 15 years old



More than 56,000 residents in Belfast live in poverty, 28% of children in Belfast grow up in poverty



In 2020, 77.3% of the population lived within walking distance of a park or play area and there were 11,500 street trees in Belfast



Today 15% of the population is 65 and older, by 2035 this will grow to nearly a fifth (20%)

Our Outcome
Belfast is welcoming safe, fair and inclusive for all



Up to 9,800 properties are potentially at significant risk of flooding in Belfast



UK inflation is expected to continue to operate at elevated levels, which will increase the cost of living and poverty issues for our citizens



At the end of 2020/21, 28% of all household waste was sent to landfill, while the proportion of household waste sent for preparing for reuse, dry recycling and composting increased to 41%



In 2019, Belfast spent £296m on energy across the city, and is forecast to grow to £466m by 2050

STRATEGIC INTENT	STRETCH GOALS	PROPOSED ACTIONS
<p>Our people, places and services are connected at a neighbourhood level through partnership, planning and delivery supported by strong and empowered communities and citizens</p>	<p>Develop an integrated approach towards neighbourhood regeneration through the development of 4 place-based community plans</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work together, informed by data, evidence and local intelligence, to design integrated area-based plans that maximise the potential of services, assets and investments to deliver better outcomes and make a difference in people's lives 2. Align with regional strategies (e.g. People & Place and Integrated Care System) that contribute towards area planning and neighbourhood regeneration 3. Develop local demonstrator interventions where there are opportunities to collaborate, improve outcomes and provide solutions to systemic local challenges 4. Develop models for capacity building across all sectors and mainstream learning across the city
	<p>Increase community participation and citizen involvement in local decision making and priority setting</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-design an engagement framework to identify community priorities taking account of existing area-based plans and structures 2. Develop new and innovative models to strengthen civic voice and citizen participation, supporting the creation of strong communities with more active, healthy and engaged citizens 3. Deliver a participatory budgeting programme that directly involves local people in delivering projects aligned with shared principles and priorities
	<p>Deliver a number of neighbourhood programmes that improve outcomes for communities in local neighbourhoods</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a strategic approach towards the development and management of neighbourhood assets & facilities exploring community wealth building & asset transfers opportunities 2. Maximise the benefits associated with physical investment programmes using them as a means of making services more integrated and accessible 3. Develop and enhance local culture and tourism programmes and services which contribute towards neighbourhood regeneration 4. Work alongside the City Regeneration and Investment theme to develop a targeted approach to vacancy and dereliction in local neighbourhoods
	<p>Develop and implement targeted interventions for those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand the network of social supermarkets across the city to ensure that more people can avail of the service 2. Develop a targeted and integrated approach to address fuel poverty 3. Develop and deliver a pilot intervention to tackle transport poverty and its impact on low-income households and individuals accessing essential services 4. Deliver a number of programmes to support grassroots organisations in tackling poverty and addressing hardship in local areas